

# Solo Leveling

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**GATES.**

THE ENORMOUS HOLES  
THAT CALL FORTH MAGIC  
BEASTS.



ONE MUST EXIT A  
GATE WITHIN AN HOUR  
OF DEFEATING THE  
DUNGEON BOSS.



BUT  
I FAILED...

...AND  
BECAME TRAPPED  
IN A DIMENSIONAL  
RIFT.





THE RULERS  
MADE CONTACT  
WITH ME...

...AND LENT ME THEIR  
STRENGTH, REQUESTING  
THAT I STOP THE  
MONARCHS,





INCLUDING  
THE MONARCH OF  
SHADOWS, WHO WOULD  
SOON BE BORN.

WITH NO MEANS  
OF ESCAPE, I DIDN'T  
HAVE A CHOICE.



I WAS ABLE TO RETURN  
TO EARTH AS THE RULERS'  
MESSENGER TO CARRY OUT  
THE IMPORTANT MISSION  
ON THEIR BEHALF.





HOWEVER...

...I COULD NOT  
COMPLETE THE  
MISSION.







GRIT

I KNEW THE WORST  
DISASTER TO BEFALL  
MANKIND RESIDED  
WITHIN THAT BODY...



...BUT ALL I COULD  
DO WAS WATCH FROM  
A DISTANCE.



MEANWHILE,



THE RULERS, WHO HAD  
BEEN WHOLLY INTENT ON  
STOPPING THE MONARCH  
OF SHADOWS' FULL  
DESCENT,


BEGAN TO  
HAVE A CHANGE  
OF HEART.

AND FINALLY, THE  
GREATEST FRAGMENT  
OF BRILLIANT LIGHT  
GAVE ME A NEW  
ORDER.



PROTECT THE  
MONARCH OF  
SHADOWS.





THE RULERS  
REALIZED THAT IN ORDER  
TO STOP THE MONARCHS'  
PLANS, THEY NEEDED THE  
SHADOW MONARCH'S  
ABSOLUTE POWER.

THE DRAGON KING'S  
ARMY OF DESTRUCTION  
WAS DUE TO ARRIVE  
BEFORE THE HEAVENLY  
SOLDIERS,

AND HE WAS THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
COULD STOP  
THEM...


IT WAS A HUGE GAMBLE,  
NOT KNOWING WHETHER  
HE WOULD SIDE WITH  
THE HUMANS OR THE  
MONARCHS.

BUT WE KNOW  
THE ANSWER TO  
THAT NOW.





SO THAT'S  
WHY I HELPED  
YOU.

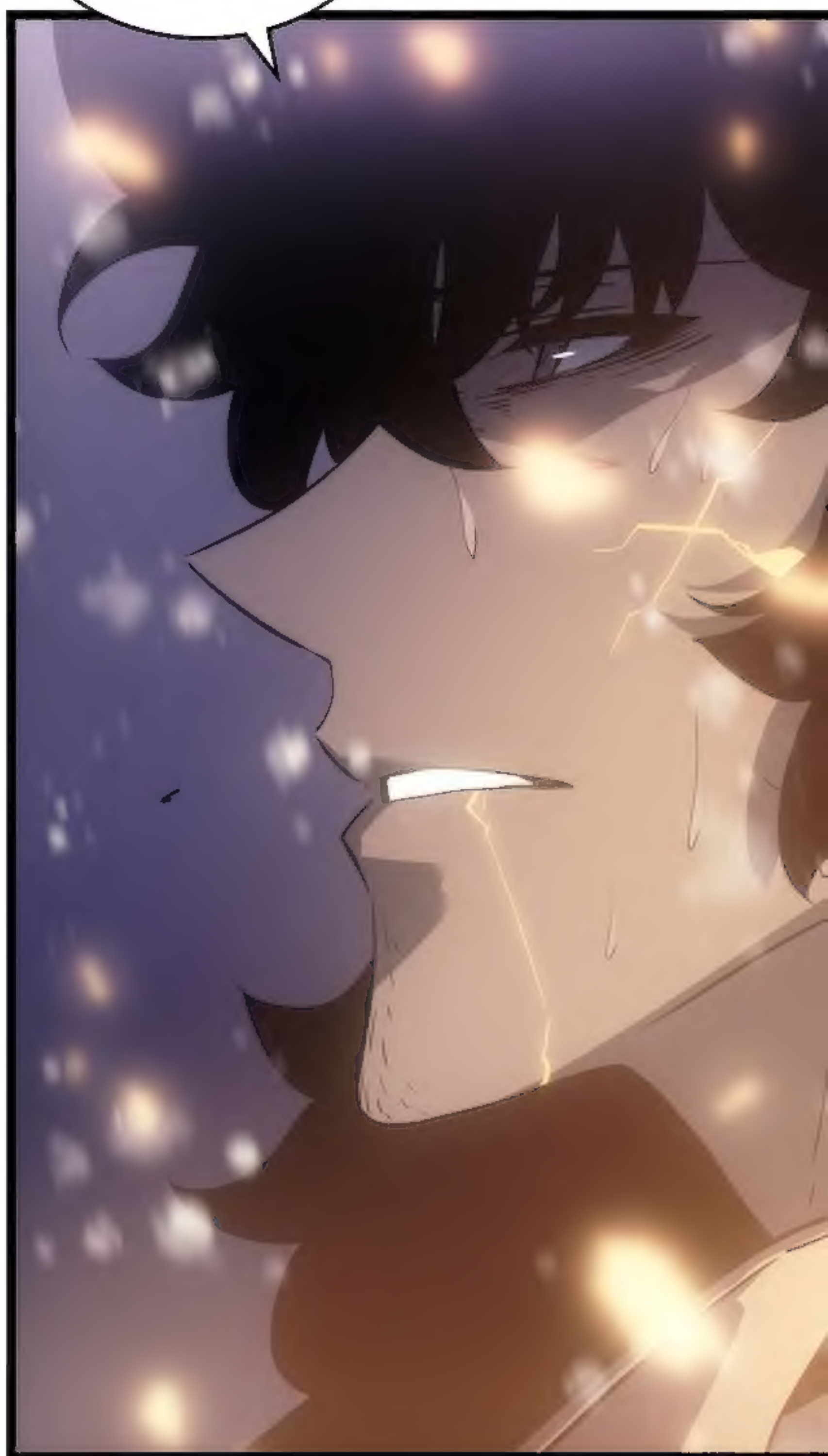


I DIDN'T WANT YOU  
TO SEE THIS SIDE  
OF ME...





...FATHER.



DID YOU...  
HATE ME?



...YES.

SOMETIMES.

I'M SORRY...

YOU WERE  
ALWAYS ON MY  
MIND.





I THOUGHT OF YOU  
WHEN I FIRST STARTED  
WORKING AS A HUNTER,  
EACH TIME I HAD A BRUSH  
WITH DEATH, AND EACH  
TIME I MADE IT BACK  
HOME TO MOM AND  
JINAH...

I HATED  
YOU...



*...BUT I ALSO  
MISSED YOU.*







WHAT ABOUT  
YOU?



...!

FLINCH




DID YOU MISS  
ME... I MEAN,  
US?










WE ALWAYS... NOT  
A MOMENT WENT BY  
WITHOUT THINKING  
ABOUT YOU.

DRIP



EVEN THOUGH  
YOU COULDN'T  
SEE ME,

GETTING  
TO WATCH YOU FROM  
AFAR WAS ENOUGH TO  
BRING ME JOY...









YOU'VE  
BECOME A  
FINE YOUNG  
MAN.



WAS IT THE  
RULERS?





WERE THEY THE  
ONES WHO CAST  
YOU ASIDE AFTER  
USING YOU?

THEY SIMPLY GAVE  
ME THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO MAKE A CHOICE.



I CHOSE TO  
PROTECT YOU, WHICH  
WAS THE RIGHT  
THING TO DO.





I WOULD'VE  
LIKED TO TALK TO  
YOU MORE.



I WISH I COULD  
HAVE...

...SPENT MORE  
TIME WITH YOU.







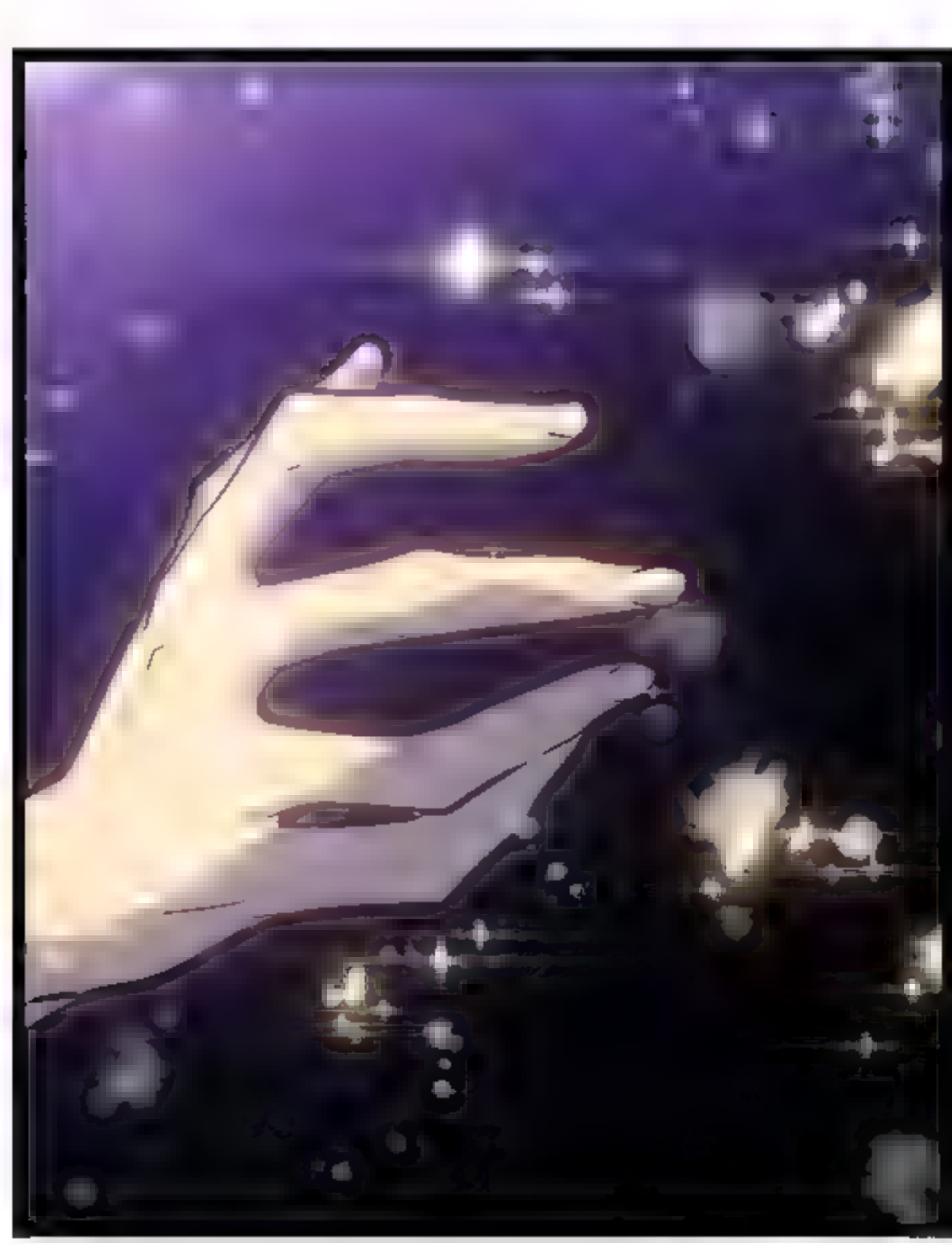
I'M SORRY  
I WASN'T...



...A BETTER  
FATHER TO  
YOU.















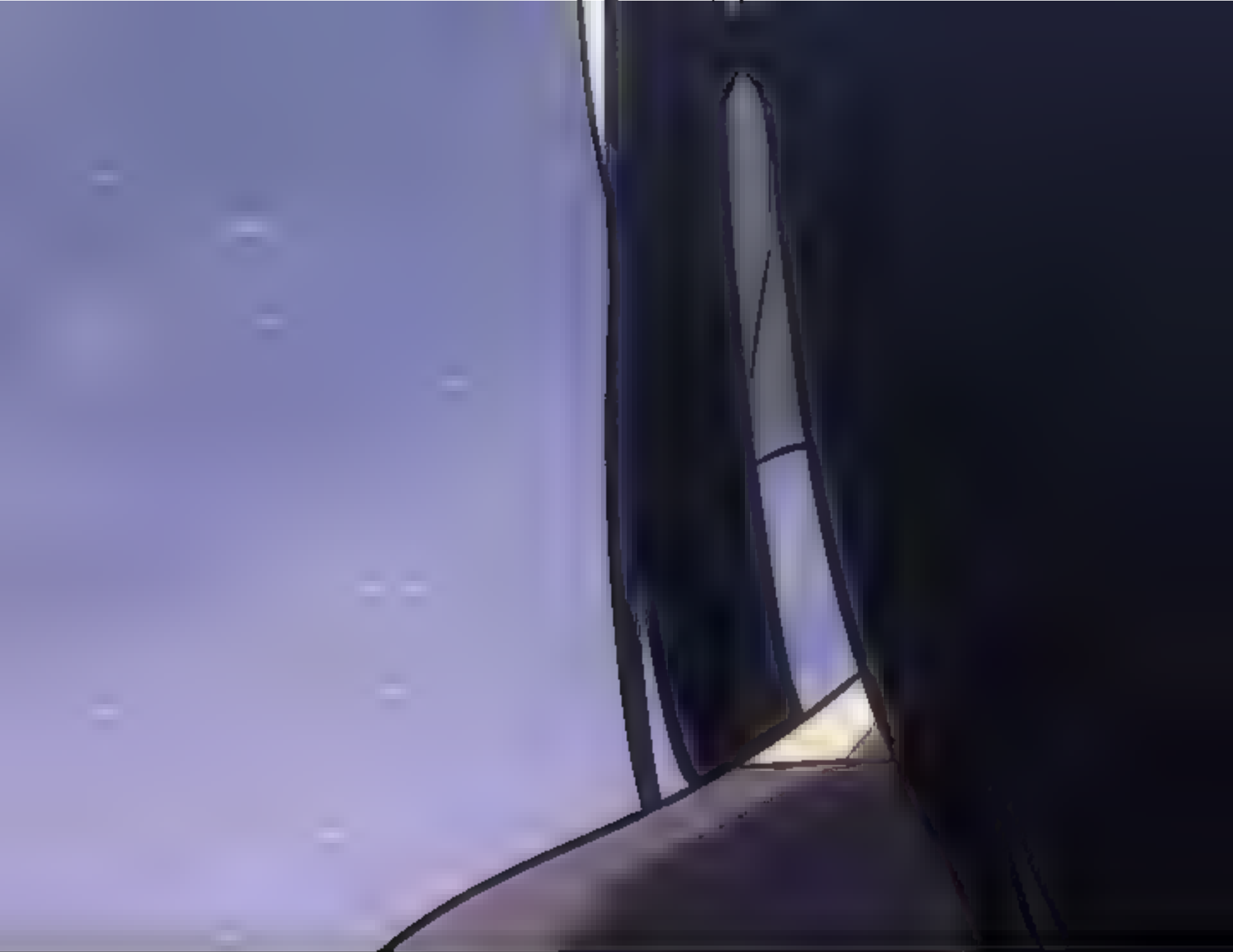
JINAH...

HM?



LET'S...  
MOVE OUT.





FOR SOME  
REASON,



I FEEL  
LIKE IT'S OKAY  
TO LEAVE THIS  
HOUSE NOW.







DO YOU  
HEAR ME,  
MONARCHS?!



I'LL MAKE SURE  
YOU PAY FOR WHAT  
HAPPENED TODAY!



DO YOU  
HEAR ME?!

THE DAY THE MONARCH  
OF SHADOWS' CRIES SHOOK  
HEAVEN AND EARTH...



...MARKED THE  
BEGINNING OF THE  
REAL WAR.

THOMAS ANDRE'S LIFE  
IS NOT AT RISK...

AMBULANCES ARE ARRIVING  
AT THE SCENE TO TRANSPORT  
THE WOUNDED TO LOCAL  
HOSPITALS.





THE BEAST THAT  
SLAUGHTERED HUNDREDS  
OF CIVILIANS IS NO  
LONGER MOVING.

ALL THAT'S LEFT OF  
IT ARE ITS ASHES!




YOU  
LOOKED PRETTY  
ROUGH EARLIER,  
MR. BAEK...

DO YOU  
FEEL BETTER  
NOW?

WHY DON'T YOU  
WIPE THAT COLD  
SWEAT OFF YOUR  
FOREHEAD FIRST,



MR. CHOI?




IS YOUR HEART STILL  
POUNGING? I'VE GOT A  
PILL FOR THE NERVES  
IF YOU NEED IT.



IS IT ALL  
OVER...?

THE BEAST-TYPE  
CREATURE AND WOMAN  
WHO RAVAGED THE CITY  
JUST NOW... AS WELL  
AS THE ICE ELF...






I'M GOING  
TO KILL THAT  
BASTARD.

I SWEAR UPON MY LIFE  
I WILL KILL THE BEAST  
THAT MURDERED THE  
CHAIRMAN.

SO PLEASE DO  
NOT THANK ME  
UNTIL THEN.



I SEE, SO IT  
WAS THAT ICE  
ELF...



...THANK YOU,  
MR. SUNG.



THE HUNTER'S  
ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED  
THAT THE BEASTS WERE  
UNIDENTIFIABLE.



THE EXTENT OF  
THE DAMAGE THEY  
LEFT BEHIND WAS  
STAGGERING.



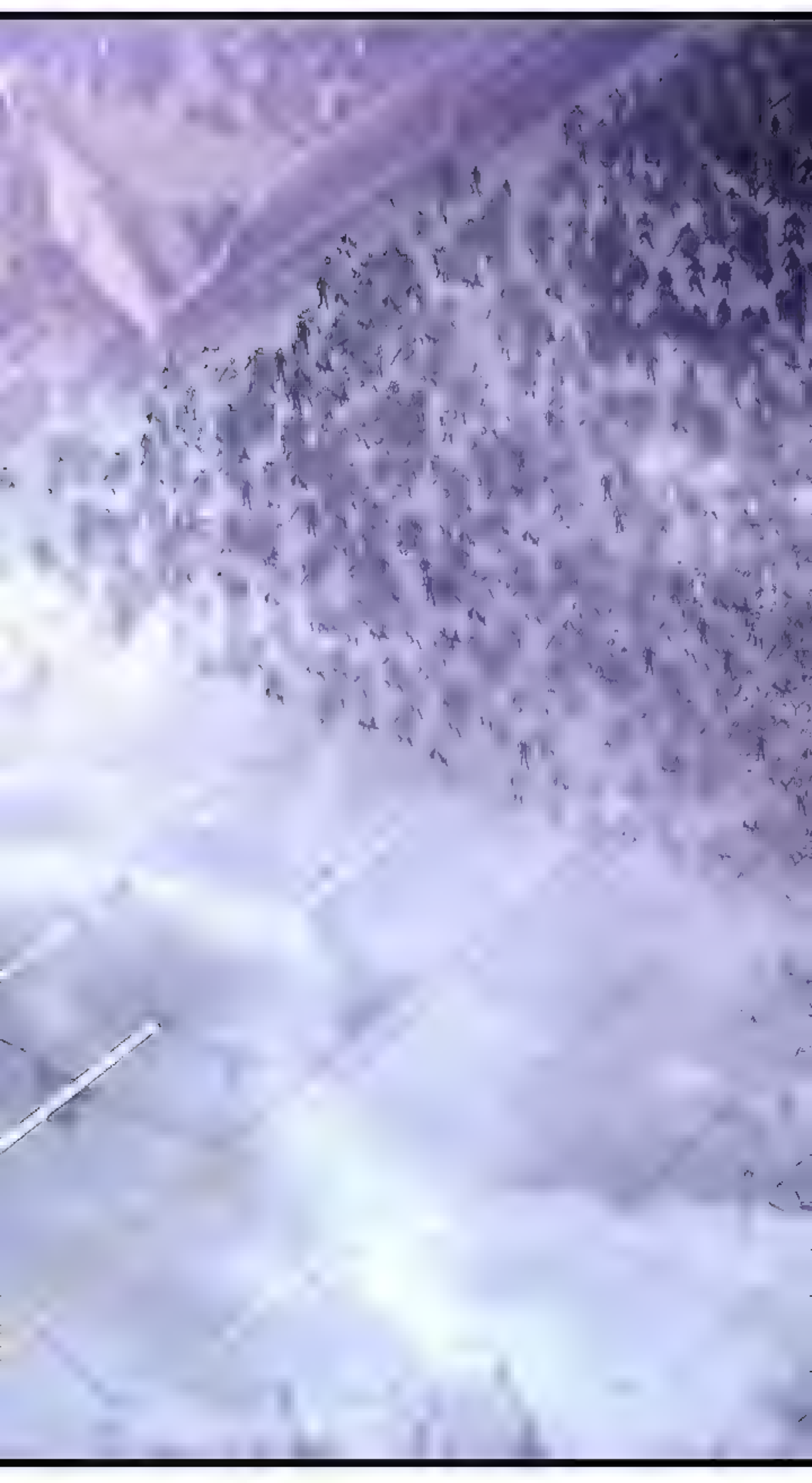


HOWEVER...


WHOOOSH

...IN JUST A  
FEW DAYS' TIME,  
DISASTER WOULD  
STRIKE AGAIN.











SO THIS IS  
THAT COLOSSAL  
GATE, HUH?



IT CERTAINLY  
LIVES UP TO  
THE HYPE.




EVEN IF  
EVERY HUNTER IN THE  
WORLD WERE TO TACKLE IT,  
I FEEL LIKE THEY WOULD  
JUST GET SUCKED IN  
AND DISAPPEAR.

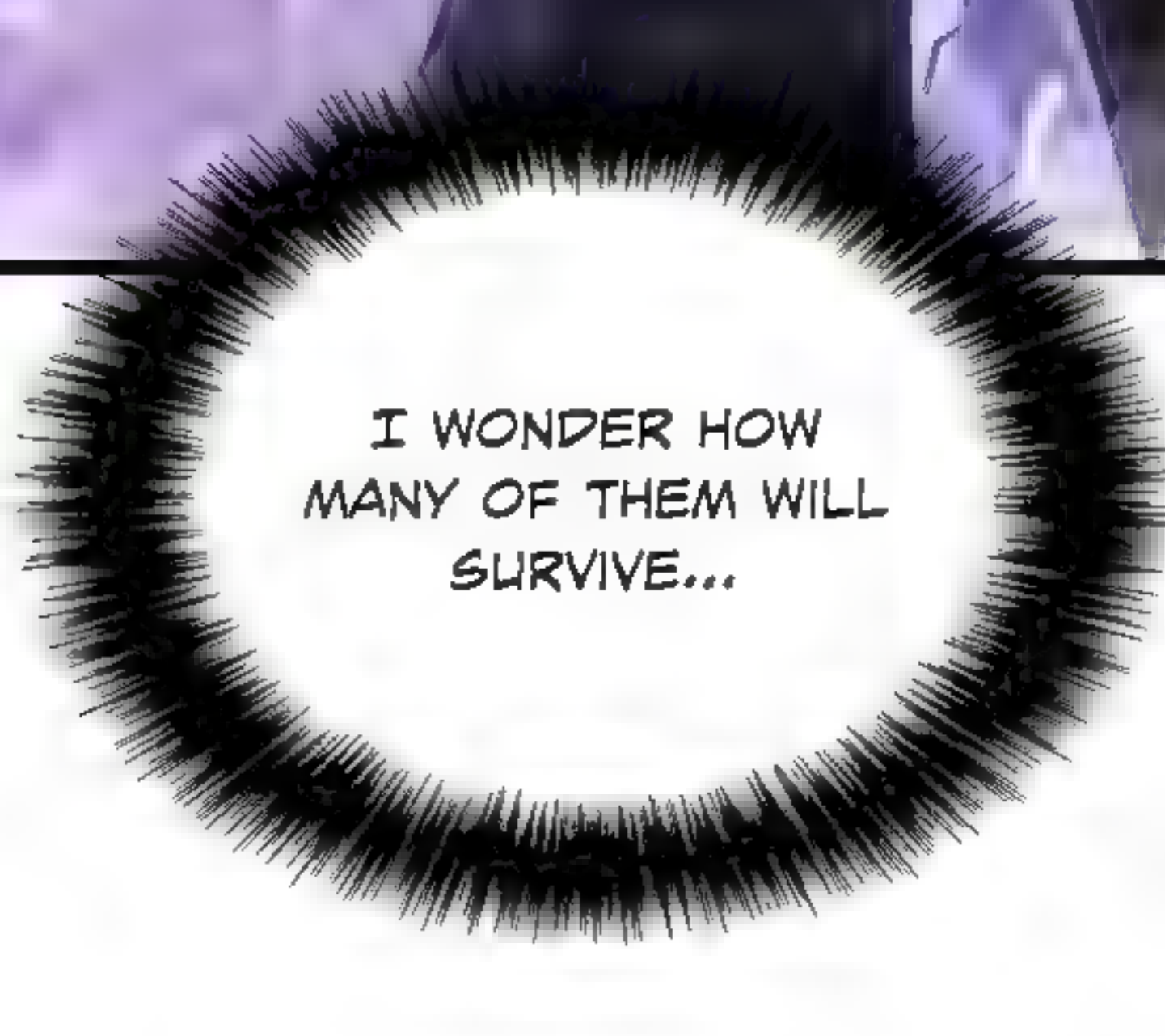


IT'S ABOUT  
TO BEGIN.





NEVER HAVE  
THIS MANY HUNTERS  
FROM AROUND THE  
WORLD GATHERED  
IN ONE PLACE.



I WONDER HOW  
MANY OF THEM WILL  
SURVIVE...









I'VE NEVER SEEN  
YOU SO NERVOUS,  
JINWOO.

REALLY?

THE GATE...

...IS ABOUT  
TO OPEN.

BZZZZT



**H, HERE  
THEY COME!**



**CRAAAACK**



**I, IT'S AN  
ARMY!**

**AND A  
MASSIVE ONE,  
AT THAT...!**

**POSITIONS,  
EVERYONE!**

**LET'S  
PULVERIZE  
THEM!!**

**TH, THAT'S....!**













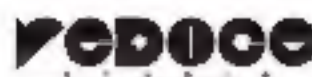
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